

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of applicants': (a) amendment and remarks, filed on 12 November 2010; and (b) supplemental amendment and remarks, filed on 9 February 2011.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-23, 25-33, 35-51, and 57-66 are allowed.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest a method of producing effervescent granules wherein reaction cycles take place without intermediate drying, a limitation expressly recited in the independent claims of the instant application. As such, the claimed invention is novel and unobvious over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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